

# *Grace Lutheran Church*

## *The Holy Trinity*

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# ✠ The Holy Trinity ✠

✠ ✠ *In The Name of Jesus* ✠ ✠

Carillon Call to Worship

Welcome and Parish News

Recognition as American Citizens

**C** I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Pledge of Faithfulness and Loyalty as Christians

**C** I vow to bear in mind that God in Christ redeemed the world and bought me with His precious blood and thus shall live my life in grateful service to my Church and to its Lord, and all mankind whom He so dearly bought.

Prelude

Processional Hymn

507 Holy, Holy, Holy

*sts. 1-4*



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;  
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,  
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.  
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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## Invocation

- L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## Opening Versicles

- L** This is the day which the Lord has made;
- C** let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.

- L** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
- C** I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

- L** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
- C** Teach me Your paths.
- L** Sanctify us in Your truth.
- C** Your Word is truth.

- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.

## Introit

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.\*

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- | cy to us.

**I have set the LORD always be- | fore me;\***

**because he is at my right hand, I shall not be | shaken.**

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being re- | jices;\*  
my flesh also | dwells secure.

**For you will not abandon my soul | to Sheol,\*  
or let your holy one see cor- | ruption.**

You make known to me the | path of life;\*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.\*

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- | cy to us.

## Collect

**L** Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament

*Isaiah 6:1–8*

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

<sup>4</sup>And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup>And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

<sup>8</sup>And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading

*Acts 2:14a, 22–36*

<sup>14</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

<sup>22</sup>“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you

yourselves know—<sup>23</sup>this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup>God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;  
<sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
my flesh also will dwell in hope.  
<sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One see corruption.  
<sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the paths of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

<sup>29</sup>“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup>he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup>Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup>For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“The Lord said to my Lord,  
Sit at my right hand,  
<sup>35</sup>until I make your enemies your footstool.’

<sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gospel

*John 3:1–17*

**L** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but

you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### Apostles' Creed

**L** God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

Offering (11:00 am)

## Sermon Hymn

### 717 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

sts. 1-4



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the  
2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain, O'er which our traf - fic  
3 O Spir - it, whom the Fa - ther sent To spread a - broad the  
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, Our peo - ple shield in



rest - less wave, Who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep Its  
runs a - main By moun - tain pass or val - ley low; Wher -  
fir - ma - ment; O Wind of heav - en, by Thy might Save  
dan - ger's hour; From rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, Pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we  
ev - er, Lord, Thy peo - ple go, Pro - tect them by Thy  
all who dare the ea - gle's flight, And keep them by Thy  
tect them where - so - e'er they go; Thus ev - er - more shall



cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.  
guard - ing hand From ev - 'ry per - il on the land.  
watch - ful care From ev - 'ry per - il in the air.  
rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

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## Sermon

### God Has A Plan

Acts 2:32-33

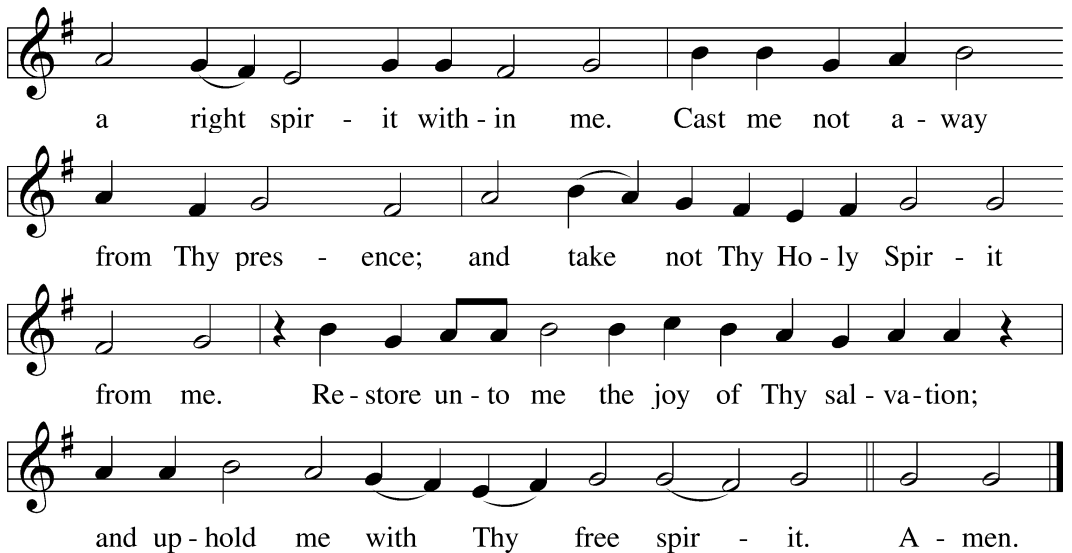
Rev. Timothy P. Halboth

## Congregational Response

### 956 Create in Me



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new



a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way  
 from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;  
 and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12 Tune: Johann Georg Winer, 1583-1651, adapt. Text and tune: Public domain

## Offering (9:15 am)

### Prayer

- L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For reasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
  
- L** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**



- L** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]*. . . let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

## Playing of Taps (Carillon)

### Lord's Prayer

LSB 241

- L** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
- C** **Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### Benediction

LSB 267

- L** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
- C** **Amen.**

### Recessional Hymn

#### 965 God Bless Our Native Land



1 God bless our na - tive land; Firm may she ev - er stand  
2 So shall our prayers a - rise To God a - bove the skies;

Through storm and night. When the wild tem-pests rave, Rul - er of  
 On Him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, Guard-ing with  
 wind and wave, Do Thou our coun - try save By Thy great might.  
 watch-ful eye, To Thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

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## *Holy Trinity Sunday - May 26, 2024*

**WELCOME!** This morning we begin the second half of the Church Year usually titled "The Time of the Church." This morning as we celebrate The Holy Trinity we will see how God's chosen people following the Ascension will work with the power of the Holy Spirit to build the Church. May we use this power in our lives for both our personal spiritual needs and for the needs of others.



**Monday**      **Memorial Day Office Closed**

**Tuesday**      9:30 am      Quilting - Fellowship Hall  
                         11:00 am      Adult Bible Study - East Chapel

**Next Sunday - June 2, 2024 - The Second Sunday after Pentecost** - Pastor Halboth will preach on the theme "Jars of Clay" based on 2 Corinthians 4:5-12. Holy Communion will be celebrated.



**Your quiet reverence prior to the beginning of and during worship hours** is appreciated while others also prepare to worship our Lord. For the courtesy of others while in God's house of worship please silence your cellphones. **PLEASE NOTE:** **The Cry Room and Nursery are available for "fussy" children.** Please see an Elder or Usher for assistance.



**Sunday School** Please meet Miss Bonnie in the Narthex and proceed with her to your classroom. May God bless the learning and teaching of God's Word.

# *Please Join Us!*

*All are welcome to rejoice with us in the wedding ceremony of*

*Meg Espinoza*

*and*

*Aaron Halboth*

*On*

*Friday, June 7 at 4:00 pm*

*The ceremony will take place at:*

*Grace Lutheran Church*

*25630 Grand River Ave.*

*Redford Twp., MI*

*NOTE: A private reception by invitation only will follow*





Flowers are a beautiful way to honor a loved one, commemorate an anniversary/birthday or to simply give thanks to God for His many blessings! Thank you to everyone who have placed flowers in the chancel. **Be sure to call the church office to place your order.** All arrangements are \$30 each and checks should be made payable to: Grace Lutheran Women's Ministries. **Payments may be handed to**

**Erika or placed in the black lockbox (be sure to use an envelope with your name on the front) at the Information Center.** Please remember to pick your flowers up after the 11:00 worship service or you can arrange to pick them up on Monday from the church office. **The following Sundays are available to place flowers: June 30, All Sundays in July.**



The Women's Ministries continue their ongoing opportunity to raise funds! Furniture and home decor items that are fit for resale can be sold through New-2-You in Northville. Please call Happy Westmeier with any questions or to set up a meeting time (248-349-5818). All proceeds from the sales go to Women's Ministries. We thank Happy for her many hours of service for our church and the Women's Ministries.



We continue to take donations of non-perishable food items for our food pantry and also used eyeglasses. Please bring them to church with you any Sunday and leave them at the Information Center area. Thank you for all of your donations to our local charities!



Please join us in the Fellowship Hall between worship hours for coffee and fellowship!

